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For: INDUSTRIAL FABRICS AND METHOD OF TREATMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO LESSEN FEES

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2";
Claim 4, line 1, delete "or 2";
Claim 5, line 1, delete "or 2";
Claim 9, line 1, delete "or 2";
Claim 10, line 1, delete "or 2";
Claim 11, line 1, delete "any preceding claim",
 insert --claim 1--;
Claim 21, line 1, delete "any one of claims 12 to 20",
 insert --claim 20--;
Claim 24, line 1, delete "or method";
Claim 24, line 1, delete "any preceding claim",
 insert --claim 1--;
Claim 25, line 1, delete "or method";
Claim 25, line 1, delete "any preceding claim",
 insert --claim 1--.

REMARKS

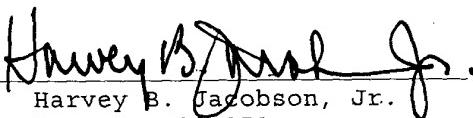
The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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